

# Information for U.S. Military: **Annual vehicle registration in Hawaii**

City and County of Honolulu • Department of Customer Services

## Annual vehicle registration, vehicle weight tax waiver for active-duty military

- 1) **Active-duty service members stationed at a military installation in Hawaii** who are residents of another state, or their spouse who claims the same legal residence of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty in the state of Hawaii, are exempt from payment of Hawaii's motor vehicle weight taxes for vehicles registered in their name. If you qualify and want to be exempt from the weight tax:
  - a) Non-resident active-duty military personnel or spouse must submit a properly completed Non-Resident Certificate, Form CS-L (MVR) 50, for each registration, renewal or transfer transaction involving their POV(s).
  - b) Form CS-L (MVR) 50 is available from your military unit or military personnel office.
- 2) **Hawaii residents on active duty, and members of the National Guard and Reserve who are assigned to units located in Hawaii**, are exempt from motor vehicle weight taxes for **one** vehicle registered in their name. If you qualify and want to be exempt from the weight tax:
  - a) To qualify for the exemption, a properly completed Hawaii Resident Certificate, Form CS-L (MVR) 50A, must be submitted for each registration, renewal or transfer transaction involving the POV.
  - b) Form CS-L (MVR) 50A is available from your military unit or military personnel office.
- 3) **Individuals who are members of a reserve component on temporary active duty** do not qualify for the vehicle weight tax exemption.
- 4) **Annual vehicle registration is required** for all vehicles operated on the public roads in Hawaii. Take your vehicle documentation to any [satellite city hall on Oahu or the vehicle registration office at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam](#).
  - a) An [AlohaQ appointment](#) is recommended for vehicle registration services at satellite city halls. Limited stand-by service is available at all locations, but same-day service is not guaranteed.
  - b) [Appointments are required at the JBPHH vehicle registration office](#) and this office accepts only checks or cash payments.
- 5) **Required documentation for annual vehicle registration renewal:**
  - a) Current Hawaii Vehicle Inspection Certificate (safety check).
  - b) Completed form CS-L (MVR) 50 or 50A if you are claiming a vehicle weight tax waiver.
  - c) Renewal notification document or last validated certificate of registration.
- 6) **Should you leave active duty, change your residency to Hawaii or are stationed out of the state of Hawaii but your vehicle remains in Hawaii, you are no longer exempt from Hawaii's motor vehicle weight tax.** To avoid a penalty for delinquent registration, re-register your vehicle within 30 days of the effective date of your change in status.

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